

NOTICE

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

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Date: 8/8/04

SUBJ: NEW SECURITY-ENHANCED AIRMAN CERTIFICATES

1. PURPOSE. This notice advises inspectors of the issuance of the new security-enhanced airman certificates.

2. DISTRIBUTION. This notice is distributed electronically to all regional Flight Standards divisions and district offices. A printed copy will be distributed to the branch level in the regional Flight Standards divisions, to Flight Standards District Offices, to the division level in the Flight Standards Service in Washington headquarters, and to the Regulatory Standards Division at the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center.

3. BACKGROUND. On July 31, 2003, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Administrator, Marion C. Blakey, announced at the Experimental Aircraft Association AirVenture that the Airmen Certification Branch, AFS-760, has begun issuing new, security-enhanced airman certificates.

a. The new durable, credit card-sized certificates are made from high quality composite polyvinylchloride media card stock and incorporates new security features, such as a hologram of the FAA seal, microprinting, and ultraviolet ink printing.

b. The certificate will be issued to all new and existing airmen as they achieve higher certificate levels or additional ratings and will replace certificates that have been lost or damaged. It is expected that all active airmen will be able to replace their certificates over the next three to four years.

c. In keeping with this year's Centennial of Flight celebration, the new certificates feature graphics of the Wright Brothers, 1902 Wright Glider, 1903 Wright Flyer, a Boeing Jet aircraft, Department of Transportation seal, and a hologram of the FAA seal. The Wright Family Fund, represented by the Roger Richman Agency, Inc., provided images of the Wright Brothers.

d. The "old style" certificate is still valid. The "new style" certificate will be issued to all airmen and will be issued with the appropriate seal color. See Appendix 1 for a sample color copy of the new security-enhanced airman certificate. A \$2.00 fee is still required to receive a replacement certificate.

4. AVAILABILITY. This notice is available at Universal Resource Locator:
<http://www.faa.gov/avr/afs/notices/>.

5. INQUIRIES. The General Aviation and Commercial Division, AFS-800, and Airmen Certification Branch, AFS-760, developed this notice. Any questions should be directed to the Certification and Flight Training Branch, AFS-840, at (202) 267-8196, or AFS-760, at (405) 954-3822.

6. DISPOSITION. This notice will be incorporated into Order 8700.1, General Aviation Operations Inspector's Handbook.

/s/

John M. Allen for
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APPENDIX 1. SAMPLE OF NEW SECURITY-ENHANCED AIRMAN CERTIFICATE

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION • FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION			
IV NAME			
JOHN Q PUBLIC XX			
V ADDRESS			
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IVa D.O.B. 18 AUG 1977		M	75
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IX HAS BEEN FOUND TO BE PROPERLY QUALIFIED TO EXERCISE THE PRIVILEGES OF			
II FLIGHT ENGINEERXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX			
III CERTIFICATE NUMBER		XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	
X DATE OF ISSUE		16 MAY 2002	
XIV		ADMINISTRATOR	

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